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Via email to: [health@ministerial.qld.gov.au](mailto:health@ministerial.qld.gov.au)

Dear Minister

A very serious matter involving the health and wellbeing of residents of Bribie Island in my electorate is being overlooked by the Palaszczuk Government.

It would come as no surprise to you that a 7 day-a-week after hours clinical facility is needed to service patients with urgent medical needs as this was a commitment made by the Federal Labor Leader during the recent Longman By-Election. It is most reasonable to assume that consultation would have occurred with you prior to this announcement being made on 11 July.

You may also recall that the Federal Labor Leader's announcement remarked on:

- *the need to take take pressure off the Caboolture Hospital's emergency department;*
- *around 5000 of the 52,000 people who arrived at Caboolture Hospital's emergency department in 2017 came from Bribie Island;*
- *up to 75 per cent of these patients had conditions which could have been treated in an urgent care clinic; and*
- *urgent health care is the number one concern for Bribie Island residents, especially the elderly.*

Whilst it is disappointing that during the course of the last term of the Labor Government this matter was not seen as a priority, Bill Shorten most certainly considers it to be and I am sure you would standby his resolve.

Since being elected, I have been meeting with local health service providers who also see the criticality of a clinic that provides urgent medical care. With an aging population in my electorate and the increasing pressure on the Caboolture Hospital as the only after-hours accessible medical treatment available to residents of Bribie Island this surely must be a Government priority.

To this end, I would be most interested to know if the Palaszczuk Government has any immediate plans to build such a clinic on Bribie Island so I can report back to my constituency on this.

I look forward to receiving your reply at the earliest point.

Yours sincerely

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Simone Wilson".

**SIMONE WILSON MP  
MEMBER FOR PUMICESTONE**